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Broken electric switches, leaking roof, damp walls and wet corridors at KR Puram General Hospital point to sorry state of public healthcare infra

HEALTH-SCARE

A few staff members suffered electric shocks

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Nothing is safe at the KR Puram General Hospital as this correspondent found out. Whenever it rains, the hospital staff members have to put up a struggle not only to save themselves from a leaking roof but also ensure precious medicines are not damaged.

The most shocking issue at the facility is that it is not safe to switch on lights near the Intensive Care Unit.

The hospital staff told Bangalore Mirror that they were scared of broken electric switches, damp walls and the leaking roof at the public healthcare facility, seemingly in a state of ruin and abandonment.

"We are scared to switch on lights near the ICU. A few of our staff members have suffered electric shocks when they switched on the lights. We'd rather prefer darkness to suffering electric shocks," said a staff member on the condition of anonymity.

The employees at the hospital said they have already brought this to the hospital administrator's notice but he has not taken measures to replace the faulty and broken electric switches.

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"There is no difference between us and residents of low lying areas, whenever it rains. We struggle to prevent medicines from getting spoiled — Pharmacy staff

Guests with no bookings

Unsuspecting citizens fall for online booking fraud; turn up at hotel

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Online crooks faked a city-based star hotel's bookings business website and made away with thousands of rupees from customers who booked rooms in advance. When the persons who made the reservations turned up at the said hotel, they realised they had been conned online as the hotel staff told them that there were indeed no bookings done in their names.

Muthanna CC, (56) manager of security and liaison at the Lalit Ashok Hotel in High Grounds, Bengaluru, in his complaint to the Central CEN police station, stated that there were several customers who turned up at the hotel's lobby and reception; they demanded to be shown to their rooms that they had booked online, while in fact there were no reservations or bookings actually made in the hotel's registry.

When the hotel staff inquired with a few customers who arrived in a similar manner at the hotel's lobby, they learnt that some online fraudsters had created a fake website in the same hotel's name, where they had even posted the same photographs as the Lalit's rooms for discounted prices; they had provided their own beneficiary bank account numbers into which unsuspecting customers transferred money assuming that they were booking rooms for certain desired dates.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Unconditional love

P Gnana, a renowned artist from Singapore is presenting his first solo show. The theme is "Unconditional Love" and has paintings and installation art by the artist. Of all the emotions and passions that inspire art, love is by far the strongest one. Gnana's artworks deploys a visual narrative of whimsically stylised imagery of human figures within the universal concept of love.
Where: Art Houz, Vasanth Nagar;
When: June 24 – 30, 10.30 am to 6.30 pm
Contact: 0886112400

02 Women, shine on!

Hard Rock Cafe is playing host to a one-of-a-kind music event, especially for women. In collaboration with The Wacken Foundation and the Embassy of the United States of America in New Delhi, the event titled "Let Women Do The Talking" features an all-girl Guns N Roses Tribute Band 'Paradise Kitty' from Los Angeles, California. The project executed by Bangalore Open Air Festival will feature 60 of the most influential women from the music industry.
Where: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road
When: July 2, 7 pm onwards

03 Lock the box, folks

Bookchor, an online bookstore for pre-owned books, is hosting 'LockTheBox Reloaded,' a one-of-a-kind book sale in which you don't have to pay for individual books; instead, you pay for a box and take home as many books as you can fit into the box. The event will have over 10 lakh books to choose from across genres such as fiction, non-fiction, crime, romance, books for young adults and children, adventure, science fiction, and much more. Bibliophiles can choose from three different sizes of boxes named after Greek mythology heroes: The Odysseus box, Perseus Box, and the biggest and the mightiest, the Hercules box. **Where: Shubh Convention, JP Nagar; When: June 25 – July 3, 9 am – 10 pm; Contact: 8683811218**

Learning & unlearning in B'luru's classrooms

Teachers say children need to brush up on concepts in the previous curriculum along with virtues like sharing, discipline, friendliness which they have forgotten

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It has been more than one month since the beginning of the new academic year, but schools are yet to start teaching the syllabus. Instead, they say they are still teaching concepts of the previous years' syllabus and reminding students what they have forgotten.

Not just book learning, but educators say that two years of a pandemic has made students forget crucial values like discipline, sharing, friendliness.

"We started the classes after the summer vacation keeping one month in mind for the bridge course. We are planning to continue with bridge classes and assess the students four months from now," said M A Khan, Principal, K K High School, Varthur.

Schools say they are realising the magnitude of the learning gap only after the physical classes have begun. While the majority of the concept-related issues are cropping up in subjects such as mathematics and science, gaps are visible in children's language skills as well.

"Classes were online for the last two years and children were not interacting with their peers and teachers the way they did in physical classrooms. While teaching surely happened, learning did not. We are realising the magnitude of the gap after they have come for offline classes. It is mostly seen in children from Class 4 to Class 7. We are trying to improve that. We will begin with the syllabus later," said Khan.

Students need to remember and revise the concepts they had learnt earlier before learning current topics, say teachers

Principals say while the prolonged bridge sessions might end up delaying the academic calendar, no benefit can come out of rushing through the syllabus while the basic concepts are unclear for the majority of the kids.

"We cannot move to the new curriculum unless the basic concepts are clear. This is more important for the younger classes. Thus, while we have started teaching the new syllabus to children from Class 4 onwards; it is still bridge sessions for students in nursery to Class 3.

Although we are running the risk of delaying the academic calendar, we are unable to move on with so many concepts lacking," said MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

> **"The younger kids have become aggressive and pick up fights frequently with classmates** – M A Khan, Principal, K K High School

It is not just the academic concepts, maintaining school discipline and willingness to share and care are some other signs of the lingering effect of the pandemic in children. Schools say they are more aggressive, insecure, irritated and lazy.

"The younger children have forgotten discipline. They have become aggressive and pick up frequent fights with their classmates. They are getting upset over trivial matters.

The vital concept of sharing is missing. Earlier, if one child did not carry a pencil, other children were quick to help. Now, it has become contentious," said Khan.

Schools are also reporting children's unwillingness to participate in physical training or sports sessions. "Most of them do not want to get to the playground. They want to sit in their classes. They have lost touch with physical exercise. We had a lot of difficulties in the first two weeks. However, we are now making them play games and teaching them to be cordial with their peers," said the principal of another city-based school.

Not paid car fines? Don't run into this cop

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A police sub-inspector attached to the Kamakshipalya traffic police station had earned laurels from his superiors after he managed to recover current and pending dues worth Rs 2.04 lakh in fines and resolving around 249 cases of traffic violations in a single day.

Police sub-inspector Shivanna, 60, along with his subordinate, a head constable, was on vehicle-checking duty at the Jnanabharathi junction near Mysore Road. "I saw a car and the driver was not wearing his seat belt. I flagged it and keyed in the car's registration number into the hand-held Field Traffic Violation Report (FTVR) device, and learnt that there were 36 pending cases amounting to a fine of Rs 36,500," Shivanna told Bangalore Mirror.

Including the current violation of not wearing the seat belt, it was Rs 37,000 for 37 cases of traffic violations. "A majority of the violations on the car was for parking the vehicle at the no-parking zones," Shivanna added. When Shivanna explained this to the car owner, he was taken aback and he at last requested him to allow him to pay the dues in instalments.

PSI Shivanna (right) has been hailed as a superhero by his colleagues

Shivanna sternly told the driver that if he handed over all original documents of the car to the police, he could pay the dues at his own time and he could park his car at his home and not use it until he pays up all the fine amount in total.

"If original documents are not there, his car will be impounded and will be in the custody of the Kamakshipalya traffic police, and as soon as he provides receipt of paying all the dues of Rs 37,000, he could get his vehicle back," Shivanna said. The driver decided to pay up all his dues in one shot and Rs 37,000 was recovered.

In a similar manner, Shivanna flagged down other vehicles and found each of them to have multiple pending violations. "One bike had eight pending violations and another car had six pending violations."

By evening, he managed to resolve around 249 cases and had collected Rs 2,04,000 in the form of fines. He also managed to book 57 cases, and realised that there was a total of 249 pending cases on the same vehicles and made sure that the owners paid the fines.

Traditional blouse designs you'll love

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The worst part of the covid-19 pandemic seems to be behind us and that means we can get back to what was once normal life for us. That includes having fun at weddings and festivals with our loved ones. And a huge part of these celebrations is dressing up and flaunting saris and lehengas paired with traditional blouse designs! While a contemporary outfit can catch eyeballs, sticking to a conventional look will definitely work in your favour on special occasions.

Traditional blouse designs don't have to be boring at all. You can try any one of the countless styles available and look amazing, be it for your special day or any other function. Read on for more.

Simple Blouse Design For Traditional Saris

Make note of these easy fashion tips that will help you make the right choice:

- If you're going to be wearing a heavily embroidered sari, an exquisitely embellished sari, or a plain sari with a busy pattern, keep the blouse simple. Plain blouses with a simple neckline work best here.
- For traditional banarasi saris or bandhani saris, you can stick to wearing a matching blouse. Alternatively, go for a contrasting look with colours or prints.
- For chikankari saris, tant or cotton saris, play with texture as well by opting for different materials.

Latest & Trendy Blouse Designs

Pleats, ruffles, embellishments, cut work, sheer work, off-shoulder, halter neck and high neck are some elements you can add to elevate your blouse style. Additionally, you can make your blouse trendy and fashionable with your choice of colour, pattern, or design.

Long Skirt And Blouse Designs

A beautiful blouse paired with a billowy or pleated skirt can make for a stunning outfit in itself. Choose from these blouse styles:

- Kutch work blouse
- Peplum blouse
- Jacket blouse
- Mandarin collar blouse

TIP: Again, play with colours and patterns here for maximum impact. Kutch work traditional saree blouse designs can be paired with plain skirts, a plain silk peplum blouse can go with organza or embellished skirt, and so on.

Back Neck Designs

Try these style ideas:

- If you're feeling bold and beautiful, go for a backless blouse design.
- If you're feeling adventurous but aren't quite up for the backless look, opt for a pot-neck blouse like Alia Bhatt. This will give you enough coverage while elevating your look.
- For a conservative yet trendy blouse design, add coverage to your backless blouse with sheer or lace fabric.
- Keep it trendy with an asymmetric back blouse; you can mix patterns, colours, and textures here.
- Instead of a simple U-shaped back, go for a deep V-necked blouse. A plain border design will look just as good as an embroidered one with tassels.

TIP: Design isn't all that's important, so make sure the blouse is tailored well or altered to fit you correctly.

Traditional Blouse Designs: Lehenga Blouse Designs

Lehenga blouse designs can be the same as those for wearing with saris or A-line skirts.

TIP: : Look up celeb style and there'll be no dearth of fashion ideas for you to take inspiration from.

Traditional Blouse Designs: Silk Saris Blouse Designs

Silk saris are gorgeous on their own so you don't really need to think too much about the blouse.

TIP: : Silk saris are lustrous, so make sure you wear a blouse that matches the glam quotient of the sari or you'll dull the look of the six yards.

Traditional Blouse Designs: Bengali Blouse Designs

A short puffed sleeve blouse will go perfectly well with traditional silk or cotton saris. If you don't like puffed sleeves, keep them normal but opt for three-fourth length or go for a full-sleeved blouse.

TIP: A puffed sleeve blouse will look good with a V-neck or leaf neck design, or a plain square or U-shaped neckline.

FAQ

Can't decide on that perfect blouse design?

Certain necklines can accentuate your entire look, so make note of these tips to select a neckline that works for your body type:

- If you have a large bust, short neck, or wide shoulders, go for a deep V-neck blouse.
- If you are petite, a boat neck blouse will look flattering.
- Elongate your face and neck with a sweetheart neckline blouse.
- Balance a round face and pear-shaped body with a square neckline.
- If you have a long face and neck, a high neck, turtle neck, or Mandarin collar blouse will look good on you; avoid if you have a heavy bust or short neck.

Who says full-sleeved blouses look unattractive?

Full-sleeved blouses work well with lehengas as well as saris. Go for a full-sleeved blouse that is backless or has a deep V-neck to keep the look balanced. If you're wearing a plain sari, opting for a printed full-sleeved blouse will allow you to show it off nicely as the sari will cover most of its front and back.

What can I wear with a sari instead of a blouse?

There are options aplenty! Put on a matching crop top, peplum blouse, or spaghetti top if you don't have a traditional blouse to wear with your sari or lehenga. For an Indo-western look, you can also wear a button-up shirt with the sari. Think of ways to stand out from the crowd, plan your accessories according to your outfit, and you're sure to shine!

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BBMP, BWSSB play blame game over quick-fix road

Part of Jnanabharathi Main Road caved in days after being asphalted for PM's visit

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BBMP West Zone junior engineer Manoj M at the spot where a portion of the road caved in

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities spent crores of rupees to spruce up roads for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brief visit to Bengaluru on Monday.

They asphalted the Jnanabharathi Main Road at an estimated cost of Rs 1.50 crore to facilitate smooth commuting for the Prime Minister who inaugurated Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE).

However, a portion of the main road that was a few hundred meters away from BASE caved in the very next day. The caved in portion of the road poses serious danger to motorists, especially two-wheeler riders who commute on this stretch at night.

"No one bothered to check the quality of asphalting. It is a very important road that connects Nagarabhavi, Ullal, and other areas. Two-wheeler riders are vulnerable to accidents now. I want the BBMP engineers to fix this problem as early as possible for the benefit of thousands of motorists who commute on this road," said Narayana Gowda, a resident.

As it usually does, the BBMP engineers blamed Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) engineers for not fixing the leakage of water which they say caused the road to cave in.

When a BM correspondent visited the spot on Wednesday afternoon, BBMP West Division junior engineer Manoj M happened to pass through the road with his family.

Manoj got down from the vehicle and was in surprise to see a portion of the road caved in.

> **"I engaged men to asphalt it for the second time. I am of the opinion that leakage of water caused the road to cave in**
>
> –Manoj M, BBMP West Division junior engineer

"I engaged men to asphalt it for the second time. I am of the opinion that leakage of water caused the road to cave in," he said, pointing to a BWSSB water valve chamber situated adjacent to the damaged area.

Echoing his views, BBMP West Zone assistant executive engineer Balaji Gowda said that he had already written a letter to the BWSSB assistant executive engineer, advising him to fix the water leakage.

"I am writing one more letter to the BWSSB AE today. We will restore the caved in portion of the road," said Gowda.

Meanwhile, BWSSB assistant executive engineer Sowmya Rani made it clear that there was no leakage of water at the valve chamber.

"I received no letter from the BBMP on the leakage of water. I have visited the spot and inspected the water valve and found no such leakage," said BWSSB assistant executive engineer.

Barricade issue?

A few motorists suggest traffic police barricade the damaged portion of the road to avoid accidents at night. "Neither caution board nor a barricade was put up to warn motorists, especially two-wheeler riders, about the caved in portion of the road. It will be good if traffic police place a sign," said Balaji N, a two-wheeler rider from Nagarabhavi.

Kamakshipalya Traffic Police Sub-Inspector Naveen assured that a caution board or barricade will be put up on the spot.

"I will depute my subordinates to the spot," he said.

No reservations

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However, only when the 'guests' arrived at the hotel lobby, they got to know that there were no bookings made in their names at the hotel; when they inquired further they were shocked beyond belief to know that they had been duped.

After two to three customers that arrived in a similar manner ended up in a bitter taste at the hotel's lobby, Muthanna, an ex-defence personnel, decided to file a complaint at the Central CEN police station.

He collected evidence from the customers who had been cheated in the aforementioned manner and submitted it to the CEN police who registered a case of cheating under IPC, and also under appropriate sections of the IT Act; further investigations are underway.

Shock treatment at govt hospital

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"With the entire veranda floor becoming wet due to leakage of rainwater, it is not safe for us even to walk here whenever it pours," said an employee.

It was disturbing to see the damp walls and leaky roof inside the pharmacy sub store as well.

"There will be no difference between us and residents of low-lying areas whenever it rains heavily. We struggle to prevent medicines from getting spoiled just as the residents of low-lying areas strive to save food grains and household articles when rainwater enters their homes," said an employee working at the pharmacy sub store.

Condition of roof and wall of Govt Hospital KR Puram

Stating that all measures were being taken to save medicines from being damaged due to the leaky roof at the pharmacy store, Gangamma, assistant administrative officer, said the government has approved the construction of a mother and child care unit on the hospital premises.

It was also terribly disappointing for this reporter to see the damp walls and leaky roof at the administrative wing of the hospital. The employees said water stagnation on the roof during monsoon is commonplace. Meanwhile, Dr Basavaraj, administrative officer of the government hospital, said the issue was discussed in the recent meeting.

"We brought all problems, especially the leaking roof, damp walls and electrical issues, to the notice of the assistant commissioner. He advised us to prepare a report on the condition of the building and send it to the executive officer of Bengaluru zilla panchayat. We have already sent the report and are waiting for the executive officer to visit our hospital, and make a decision on floating a tender inviting bidders for repairing the roof," said Dr Basavaraj.

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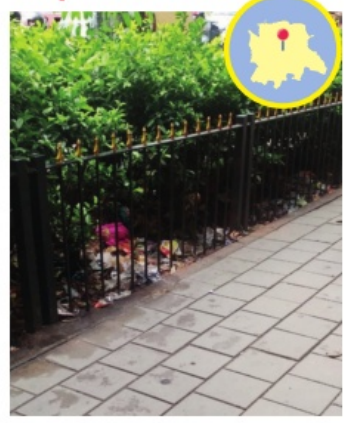
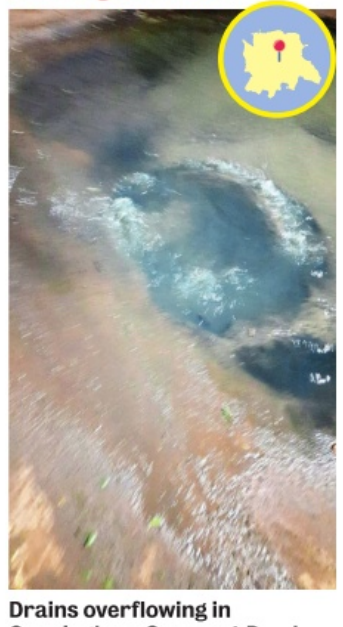


Garbage lying around for many days opposite BBMP head office near the bus stop, Corporation Circle.

Overflowing drains
Cunningham Road



Drains overflowing in Cunningham Crescent Road near Prestige Enclave. Authorities have not taken any measures to stop this.

HC upholds dismissal of CISF constables accused of raping colleague's wife

Karnataka High Court has upheld the order of dismissal of eight CISF constables from service in connection with alleged gang rape and blackmail case.

The accused had allegedly gang raped and blackmailed their colleague's wife, which led to their dismissal. Later they approached the High Court against the dismissal order by the CISF's Disciplinary Authority. The complaint was lodged in 2015 by the victim. According to the complainant, one of the accused persons had allegedly befriended her. Taking advantage of the friendship, he blackmailed and raped her. Later other accused persons had threatened the victim that they would make her affair public and gang raped her.

Taking serious note of the incident, CISF had dismissed the accused from the service. The CISF Disciplinary Authority had stated that "discipline and morality are paramount in the organisation and the act done by the accused could not be forgiven. The act which has taken place will have negative consequences on the husband who was away on duty".

Dismissing all the accused from the service, the authority also opined that the act of accused persons would also make other staff, who leave behind their family and go faraway places on duty, insecure.

Meanwhile, all eight accused were acquitted of the criminal charges by the trial court. After the order, the appeal was filed in the High Court questioning their dismissal. It was argued that from the statement of the complainant recorded in the criminal case "it was evident that she was a consenting party to the alleged incident".

The High Court stated that the incidents like this will bring down the morality of police constables and dismissal order by CISF is appropriate. The order was given recently (June 15) by the division bench headed by Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice JM Khazi. — IANS

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Cases rise, but scenario in control

Docs say rise in cases is not comparable to third wave

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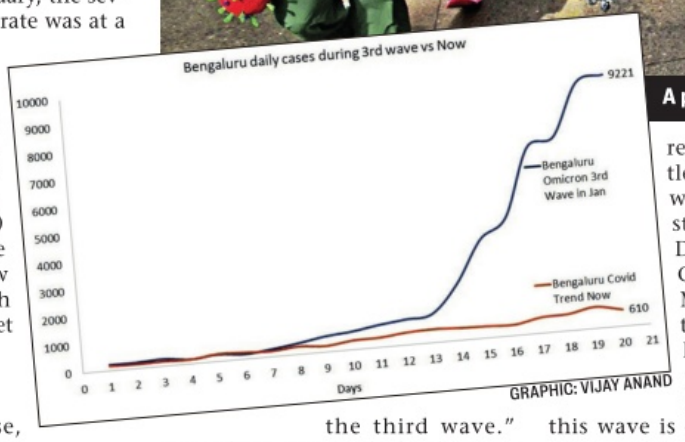
Covid cases are rising across the country and more so in Bengaluru. However, it is still not clear whether this is an onset of fourth wave, a mild fourth wave or just a blip. Many argue that the current wave (if it is one) cannot be compared with the third wave that was driven by Omicron sub-variants. Vijay Anand, an independent Covid Data Analyst told Bangalore Mirror, "During Omicron third wave in January, the seven-day weekly growth rate was at a very high 349% as the cases increased exponentially from 2,053 cases to 9,221 cases in just one week. However, in comparison, the current weekly growth is 35% (450 cases to 610 cases in a week). So the growth rate is slow now indicating the fourth wave has not started yet in Bengaluru."

A participant at the 10K run turned up as coronavirus (File)



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Like viral flu

In this current phase, doctors are observing very few cases of covid that are severe, but all doctors and hospitals have experience of this situation and so have the potential to control the scenario. According to Dr Hirenappa Udnur, (Consultant- Pulmonology, Manipal Hospital), "Doctors know most are vaccinated, even have got booster shots, which gives a feeling of safety. The present wave is spreading like a simple viral flu with flu like symptoms so usually there is no need for any anti-viral treatment. This time no rush is there in the hospitals like before or unlike the third wave." He said wearing masks has become usual. "This time only simple blood tests or CRP or D-dimer tests are going on though we still ask the patient to monitor temperature and saturation at home. People are also encouraged to do tele-consults and take home treatment. No increased number of cases or high mortality rate is seen in this wave. Till now, no complicated case has been observed," he said.

Nasal stuffiness and throat pain

A few experts said that the current covid trend is little similar to the third wave, where cases are still lower in number. Dr Subrata Das, (Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine and Diabetology, Sakra World Hospital) said, "The percentage of people falling seriously ill in this wave is extremely low when compared to the second wave. We are getting patients with symptoms such as cough, nasal stuffiness, fever, throat pain and body ache and majority of them are being able to be managed from home itself. Some patients are getting covid infections for the second time but most of them have mild symptoms. We do not see it causing an alarming increase in the requirement of intensive care units (ICUs). In this wave, we have witnessed patients suffering from throat ache, body pain, cough and nasal stuffiness predominantly."

> **We are seeing many patients experiencing high-grade fever with throat pain. Most get better in 4-5 days**
> –Dr Brunda MS, Aster CMI Hospital

Covid reinfections are more

The sub-variants of Omicron (BA.4 and BA.5) and Covid reinfections are currently causing the surge in infection, said Dr. Brunda MS (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital). "We are seeing many patients experiencing high-grade fever with throat pain. Tiredness, body ache, runny nose, mild cough and gastrointestinal symptoms like diarrhoea and a tender stomach are also being observed. Most of them get better within four to five days and do not require hospitalisation."

She said that there is no evidence to suggest that the situation is different in terms of infectivity and severity as compared to the third wave. Since the virus is still circulating, one must follow covid-appropriate behaviour and take necessary precautions to avoid transmission.

"The virus is constantly evolving and new mutations are to be expected as SARS-CoV-2 evolves. BA.4 and BA.5 variants carry an L452R mutation, which was also previously detected in the Delta variant and is thought to make the virus more contagious by enhancing the virus's ability to attach to human cells. In such cases, it can enhance the severity of disease, overcome the immunity provided by vaccines or previous infection thereby making it harder to control the spread of the disease even though we have no data to support it," she said.

BA3, BA4, BA5 detected

Minster for Health and Family Welfare Dr K Sudhakar said, "Currently, amongst the Omicron variants, BA1.1.529 and BA1 have dipped to 8.60% and 0.04% respectively. BA2 has increased from 80.60% to 89.40% since May 2022. The new variants BA3, BA4 and BA5 are observed to be in their nascent phases." Dr Tejas Rao said the current covid spurt in our country has been more sporadic rather than a wave. "Covid is becoming more endemic with BA2 variant being the more dominant (covid third wave onwards). There have been BA 4 and BA 5 variants in our country but BA 2 is still the dominant strain. The recent spurt in viral cases could be attributed to a mix of weather change, viral infections like H1N1 cases are being reported. We have seen more than 5 cases of H1N1 at Manipal Hospital, Yeshwantpur in the last few days. Covid patients are recovering well with mild infections probably because of immunogenicity due to prior infection and vaccination," he said.

Indian healthcare sector's health check

I tell my family that regular health checks are the difference between a diagnosis and a post-mortem. My pithy pearls of wisdom are rarely greeted with raucous applause in my house, but the veracity of the statement is unquestionable. The results are in, so let's see just how healthy our healthcare system is.

The fibre: (The healthy aspect)

1) The covid pandemic, a one-of-a-kind bolt from the blue, hit us so hard that we were gasping for breath. Thanks to the government's faith in science and our peoples' perseverance, we recovered through a combination of public/private initiatives including testing and contact tracing, masking, distancing and hand washing, creation of massive infrastructure, medicines, digital health and aggressive vaccination drives. Today over 64% of the eligible population has been fully vaccinated against covid and the government deserves a round of applause for their efforts.

2) The response of the diagnostic, pharma and vaccination industries was exemplary.

3) We've also experienced incredible growth in the digital healthcare space and rapidly adopted technologies like tele-medicine that have helped bridge the rural-urban divide and saved millions of lives.

4) One of the major flaws in our healthcare system is the lack of universal health coverage for the common man, which leads to significant out-of-pocket expenditure (In 2018 it was estimated that around 67.8% of total expenditure on health in India is paid out of pocket while the world average is 18.2%) and has driven millions to poverty. The Ayushman Bharat programme is a desperately needed initiative and the government's intentions to extend coverage to the middle class is very promising.

5) The drive to set up at least one medical college in every district is another laudable achievement.

8) In the public health sphere, the move to eradicate TB by 2025 is another noteworthy achievement.

The cholesterol we can't ignore (The unhealthy aspect)

(1) Healthcare spend by the government has been woefully lower than the ideal expenditure of 4-5% of GDP which many BRICS countries are looking at. However, the pandemic changed this to some extent, and there was a significant increase in the budgetary allocation last year (2.1% of GDP in 2021 against the earlier 1.3% as per the Economic Survey 2021).

(2) High infant maternal/ perinatal mortality and malnutrition continue to plague some parts of our country. The strengthening of primary, public and preventive health strategies are the need of the hour.

(3) A massive increase in NCDs or lifestyle diseases is another area which needs urgent attention.

(4) While the private healthcare sector has made good progress, the public sector has been left behind.

(5) Though we have made tremendous progress in training doctors and healthcare personnel, medical education has remained inaccessible and unaffordable for a vast majority.

(6) One of the most problematic challenges we face is the rise in environmental pollution that is destroying our health and resources. Unless we act soon, we will perish for sure.

(7) Abuse of doctors and medical staff must be taken seriously.

(8) Last but not least, poverty and healthcare are directly proportional to one another and unless we alleviate poverty, it is hard to improve the healthcare of our citizens.

> **We've experienced incredible growth in the digital healthcare space and rapidly adopted technologies like tele-medicine**

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Cyclist was following rules, wearing helmet, but fall in pothole caused fatal injury

Pothole claims yet another life in city

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In Bengaluru, potholes and poor roads have claimed many a life of a citizen; however, despite activists, citizens, and even traffic cops going out of their way to take action, the problem continues to exist.

On Monday, the potholes on Pottery Road claimed the life of another Bengalurean.

KK Menon was an ex-employee of a prominent MNC in the city. He would regularly go cycling around the city with his friends early in the morning. On Monday, he was off on one of his cycling rounds on Pottery Road, when his cycle hit a pothole. Menon fell, and died on his way to the hospital.

He did not suffer from any injuries; however, after the post-mortem report arrived, it was revealed that his fall caused a whiplash effect and his third vertebrae snapped and he died.

City is notorious for its patchy roads that are seldom repaired

A longtime friend of Menon, said, "He fell and his neck broke. He was gasping for breath. However, by the time he was taken to the hospital, he passed away."

His friend added that if the roads were in good condition and there were proper cycling tracks in the city, this tragedy would never have occurred. Because of bad roads and the irresponsibility of the authorities, a person lost his life, he said.

According to his friend, while cycling, Menon had taken all the necessary precautions. He was wearing a helmet and was cycling on the correct side of the road during early morning when there was no traffic.

Menon leaves behind his wife and son. They were supposed to leave abroad in a few months for the higher education of his son, plans which may be thwarted now, said his friend.

Suguna, BBMP Chief Engineer, said, "We are trying to fill all the potholes in the area as soon as possible. The work will be done soon."

Menon was cremated on Tuesday.

When the party turned into a nightmare

Party-goers speak of horrors of being at venue of drug bust; police dismiss allegations

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A night of partying before the work-week resumes turned into a horror story for many city youths who were unfortunate enough to be at the 5-star hotel where a drug bust happened recently.

The case garnered a lot of media attention due to the involvement of Bollywood actor Shakti Kapoor's son Siddanth Kapoor. But for the other guests too, it was a scarring experience.

Some guests spoke to us under the condition of anonymity. Here's what they said: Around midnight, personnel from the Halasuru police station came inside the venue and turned off the music and led the DJ, Siddanth Kapoor, away. They also said that police found some drugs abandoned in front of a dustbin.

"Police tried to separate the crowd right after," a guest said. "The women were taken to the lobby and the men were kept on the dance floor."

"Inside the lobby, police separated us based on what we were wearing," a woman said. "For example, they singled out women who were in short dresses and sent them first for the drug test."

One of the men said, "The party was a legitimate one. We paid for the tickets and it was advertised on multiple sites. We were made to sit on the floor and were being mistreated. Cops were abusing those of us who tried to talk back."

No female police personnel were reportedly inside the lobby with the female guests as the only ones available had accompanied the women who were singled out and sent to the hospital for drug tests.

The women in the lobby were suddenly asked to leave after around 3am, but the men were still detained.

The men who had not yet undertaken the drug tests (as it was being done in random batches) were then packed into two vans and sent to the police station, they said.

Inside the station, the police are said to have commented on the 'morals of women wearing such clothes'.

"The hotel did their best to clear their name and were hand-in-hand with the cops," a guest said.

"We were being profiled and asked how much we make in a month. Bribes were being taken and those who paid off were allowed to walk out. A lot of us were ready to get tested, but the cops said it was late now and we would have to wait until the hospital was set up," he added.

Police had raided a 5-star hotel in the city recently

> **We have not received any complaints from any of the guests or the hotel staff or anyone stating that. If any of our cops had demanded bribes from the guests, they could approach us with a complaint and we will take steps**
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> –Bhimashankar Guled, DCP East

He said these people were adamant about not paying bribes and were made to sign consent forms to take the test when the set up was ready. They were made to sit inside the jail cell for a long time, he stated, and were ultimately let go without even being tested.

Another guest said that everyone was being threatened with FIRs at some point.

The bribe being collected was being sent via UPI to a shop vendor nearby, he claimed.

Bangalore Mirror reached out to Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) East Division, Bhimashankar Guled, about the claims.

Guled said guests who had not consumed drugs would have no issues and would have volunteered to undergo the medical tests legally.

He said police were focussed on those who were refusing to take the tests and observing them for a long time to determine if they were under the influence of narcotic substances.

"If anybody was showing restraint, then we had to take them for medical tests as we had credible information that drugs were available and consumed during the party at the hotel," he said.

He said allegations about police taking bribes are baseless. "We have not received any complaints from any of the guests or the hotel staff or anyone stating that. If any of our cops had demanded bribes from the guests, they could approach us with a complaint and we will take steps," Guled added.

The DCP said it was very usual for allegations such as these to come up after raids.

"Police do not see the class of society and deal with them in an appropriately comforting manner. They just deal with cases and the accused persons professionally with advice from their seniors," he said.

Bommai to meet party top brass

The BJP high command has summoned Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to Delhi. Accordingly, Bommai will leave for the national capital on Thursday afternoon and return on Friday. Those eyeing an entry into the state Cabinet are now hopeful that this time Bommai will get a green signal for a Cabinet expansion. There are five vacant posts in the Cabinet and the upcoming Assembly elections are less than a year away.

The BJP reportedly wants to bring new faces into the Cabinet and drop the non-performing ministers. Sources said Bommai has been summoned to Delhi to discuss the Presidential election along with other CMs from BJP-ruled states. But, party sources also said that the top leadership might take a final discussion on Cabinet expansion. BJP leaders in the are upbeat after the two-day visit of PM Narendra Modi. –IANS

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Compensation nowhere in sight

Farmers still wait for BDA to provide them with fair compensation for their lands

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Farmers met the top brass of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to put forth their demands on fair land compensation. This comes a day after BDA scrapped the old Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) tender for lack of clarity on land acquisition costs.

Raghu, a farmer from Anekal, said, "We met the commissioner today to discuss our apprehensions about various issues that we are facing in the process of land acquisition for the last 18 years. We have been assured that a meeting will soon be convened with the Chief Minister to discuss the issues and come up with a solution."

The farmers say they are worried that the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 does not apply to their lands for the PRR project. They added that around 800 families across 65 villages are waiting for fair compensation from BDA for their lands.

"We are ready to forgo our land, given fair compensation. The land acquisition process has been pending for over 18 years now. Moreover, BDA has not carried out even a single survey so far. They have been calling tenders, canceling and getting back into the process. They should first compensate the farmers for their lands before getting into the tender process," said N Yellappa, a farmer from Sorahunase village in Varthur.

To build the 100-metre-wide Peripheral Ring Road, the BDA issued a notification in 2005 to acquire 1800 acres of land for the project. The work on the project is yet to start.

"If the project had taken off in 2007, we would not have come up with the demand. If they go by the 2013 Act, all farmers are willing to give away their land. Otherwise, we will not let go of our property. The current market value of our land is Rs 10 crore per acre. While we will receive only around Rs 4 crore per acre as per the 2013 Act, BDA is willing to disburse around Rs 2 crore per acre," said Srinivas, another farmer from Mavallipura Village.

Farmers say while they have been demanding clarity from BDA over the issue, they have not received a clear answer yet. This is making them anxious. "The authorities should clear our confusion over the compensation. The tender should be floated only after settling the compensation terms. While hundreds of farmers will get impacted due to the unfair compensation deal that BDA is trying to strike, we are unable to garner support. There is a perception that there are no farmers in the city. While we have our lands in BBMP limits next to high-rise buildings and apartments, it has no value," said Gautam Jain, another farmer.

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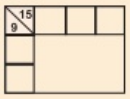
I Govind Gopinath Pillai S/O, Gopinatha Veloo Pillai R/o 203/a, 3rd Floor, 18th C Main, Hal 2nd Stage, Indiranagar have changed my name to Govind Gopinatha Pillai

I, Susheel Balakrishna R/o #149, 4th cross, Arekere Mico Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to Susheel Balakrishna Shenoy

I, Smitha Susheel R/o #149, 4th cross, Arekere Mico Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to Smitha Susheel Shenoy

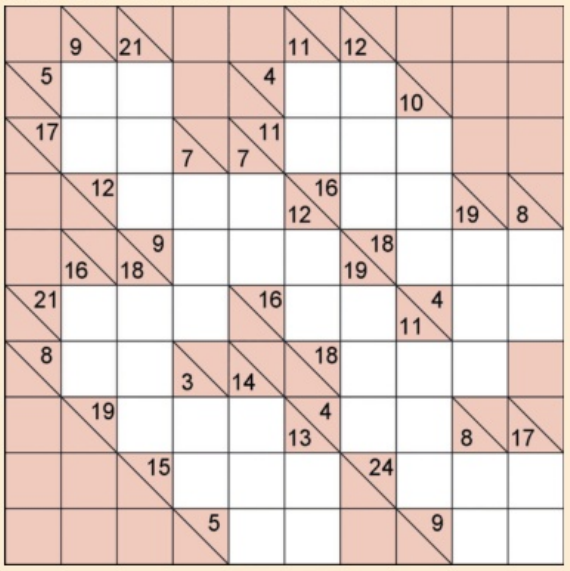
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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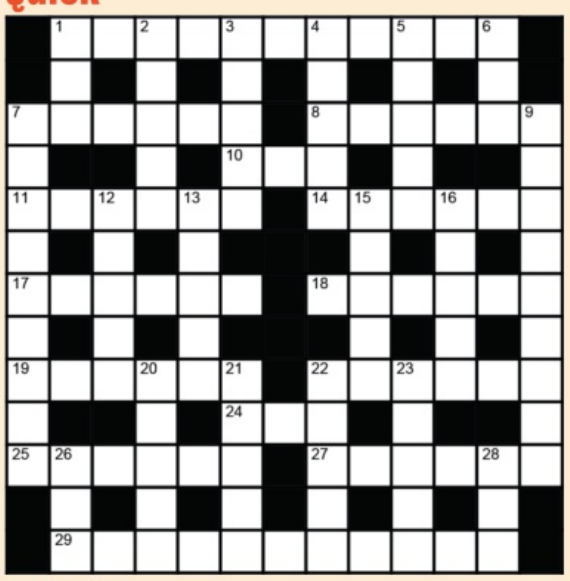


ACROSS

1 Trans-Himalayan river of India (11)
7 Looking amorously at ? (6)
8 Incendiary liquid (6)
10 Shoes are wiped on it (3)
11 Festival (6)
14 Admit to holy orders (6)
17 Four scores and ten? (6)
18 Merchant of Venice lawyer (6)
19 Role models (6)
22 Decorative plaster work (6)
24 Bother (3)
25 A burrowing rodent? (6)
27 Set on fire? (6)
29 Win the race, in a way? (6,5)

DOWN

1 Implore or solicit? (3)
2 Also known as... (5)
3 Molten rock (5)
4 Yuletide entertainment (5)
5 Used the keyboard (5)
6 Cobbler's tool (3)
7 Insulting, outraging or slighting (9)
9 Port city in Karnataka (9)
12 A boy's pet name–`Irene' anagram? (5)
13 Aggregate (5)
15 Perch for a bird (5)
16 Mexican language (5)
20 Deathly pale (5)
21 Begets or gives birth to as a male parent (5)
22 Small light boat (5)
23 Relating to a forearm bone (5)
26 Not at work (3)
28 Small child (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS U

YA YIQOOQ TWL JLRB HO ZMIQYQ, HO ZMIQYQ HOMLBY-ALSST.

Linemaro

I'd use a cheesy pick-up line on you, but you' re too smart

Mindchow

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal

Joke of the day

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy

Loop

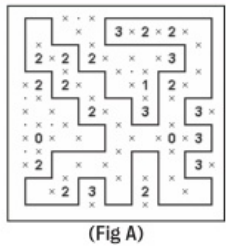
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

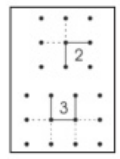
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

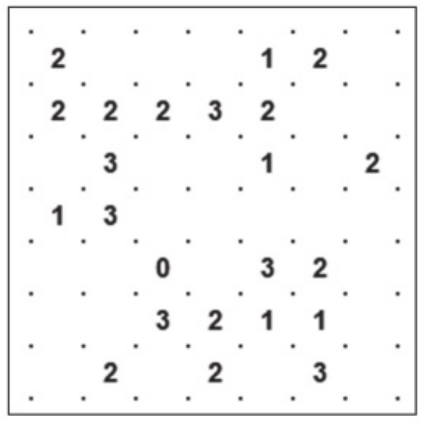
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



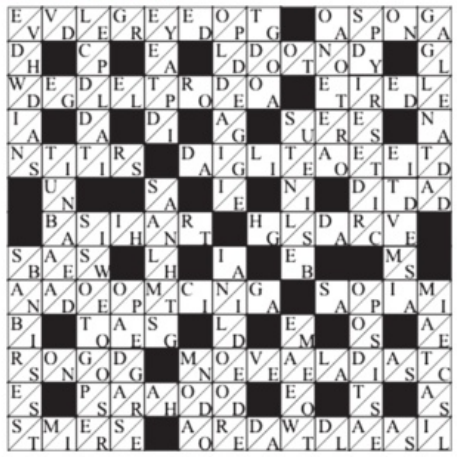
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



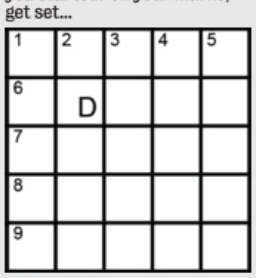
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Barb I; 6 Idly S; 7 Largo; 8 So bee; 9 Sores

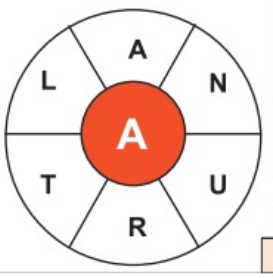
DOWN

1 Or rig; 2 Boa do; 3 Res by; 4 Basle; 5 Less I

Mensapuzzle

Give values for X and Y.

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	4	9	7	1			8	
							9	
2			3	9		5		
		2	5					1
	9						4	
5					4	6		
		7		5	6			8
	3							
	6			3	7	4	1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

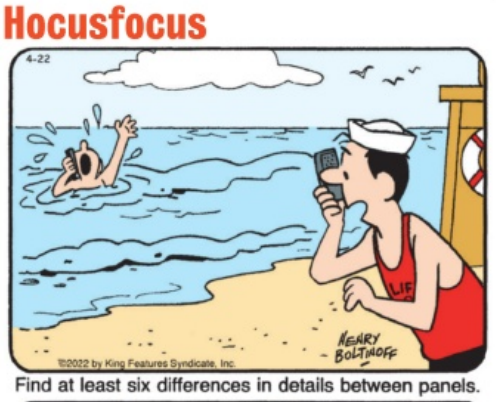
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 16
2 3 7 8

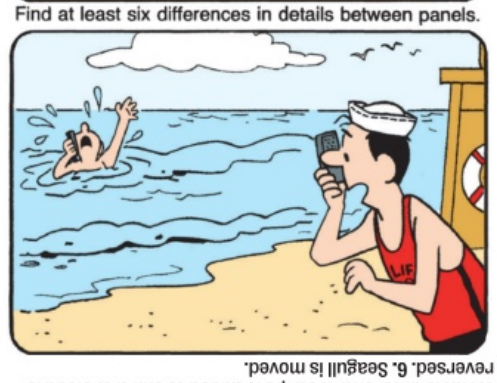
Medium = 14
2 2 4 9

Hard = 13
2 6 6 5

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mouth is different. 2. Life preserver is lower. 3. Hat is different. 4. Stripe is added to shirt. 5. Cloud is reversed. 6. Seagull is moved.

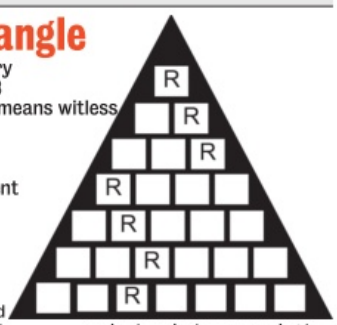
Riddler

Van Gogh (pronounced "Go") is back, with more of his relatives. e.g. One of them was a well-known musical cousin from Liverpool, England. His name? Ring Gogh! (Ringo) From the clues, can you guess the other names?

1. An aunt, famous for her milk pudding recipe.
2. His cousin with the skin infection.
3. The teenage niece who wears dark, trendy shades of blue and purple.
4. His Great Uncle Emil, the famous lecturer on self-esteem.

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Atomic number 18
3 One in the water means witless
4 Elsa's comment
5 Item in a quiver
6 Litter of pigs
7 Ahead ; impertinent



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

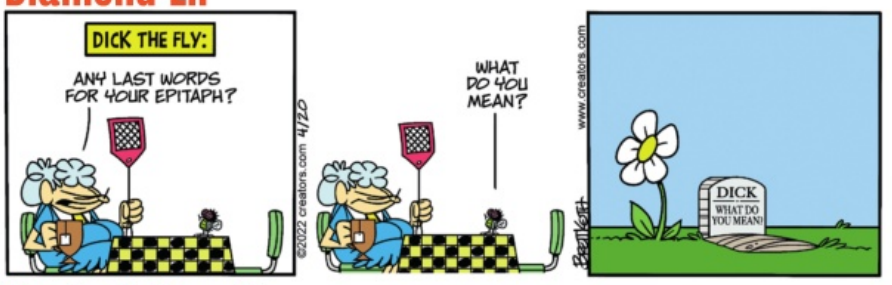
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

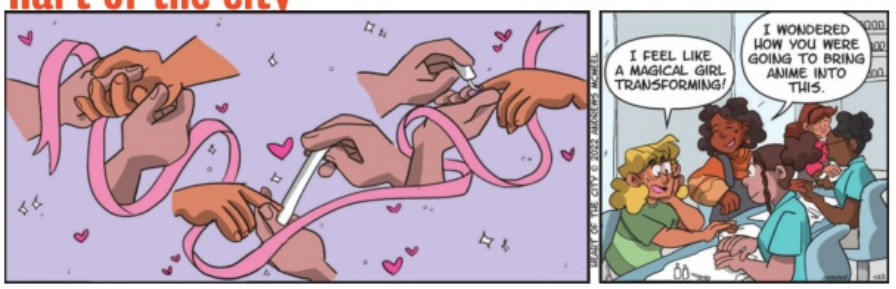
WE'RE GOING ON A VERY DANGEROUS AND SECRET MISSION
...THEREFORE, NO MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA WILL BE PERMITTED TO COME ALONG
PS-S-ST...KID... WANNA SELL YOUR PAPER ROUTE ?
NEWS
4-9

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft

CRANKSHAFT! YOU'RE ONLY SUPPOSED TO WATER ON THE ODD DAYS!
I THINK THAT SETTING YOUR GARDEN ON FIRE WITH FLAMING HAMBURGERS FALLING FROM THE SKY QUALIFIES AS ODD!
HE'S GOT A POINT!
4-16
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel unhappy and impatient. You could find it difficult to perform your tasks. You may not be able to fulfil your desire and are likely to feel detached from your given responsibilities. You may not be able to complete tasks.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Work related pressures may go now. Your earnings could convert into profits. You are likely to invest for a long-term goal. You may get an overseas work order, which may bring you financial benefits in the near future. You may find your soulmate. Students can expect good news.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon and should perform well on the professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your colleagues. Intellectual and financial investments may start bringing profits now, which may increase your confidence levels. Use your wisdom to make gains.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Your spiritual power could make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive today and you could be feeling more spiritual. You may plan to visit some religious place if that is something you like to do. Occult sciences may interest you as well. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. Try to discuss your views only with those who understand you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You could be feeling nervous today. You may have a lack of patience. In order to find peace, you could be drawn by the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get in-depth knowledge on a subject, or you may have a good focus towards your research. Chanting mantras may help you.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Jupiter and the moon are with you today. This may help you improve your inner strength. You are likely to find some new opportunities for your business and this will pay you in terms of future gains. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. Lovebirds are advised to be clear about their opinions with each other to make their future bright.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors and you can expect promotions. Money which was stuck is likely to be recovered now and may help you increase liquidity in business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters. Partnership issues are likely to be resolved.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are likely to find work, if that is what you are searching for. Job seekers can crack entrance exams with hard work. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may hear good news in terms of child birth.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may plan a change of place today. It is advised that you postpone decisions related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. A dull feeling could leave you upset, but the situation should be under control by late evening. With the help of good advice from one of your elders, you may control any messy situation you are in.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may have good patience. Meditation may help you increase concentration, which will speed up your projects. Your juniors may cooperate with you and help you complete a project before time. There may be some short work-trips lined up. You are likely to meet an influential person who may help you boost your business.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may spend money to buy some creative artefact to renovate your house today. This could be for increasing your social status. You may implement some new plans into your family business. it will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. Expect a get-together to keep you occupied.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day for you. Your vitality and health are good. You may enjoy your work. Today will be a challenge to avoid straightforwardness for you. Avoid arguments on worthless topics, otherwise there may be some disputes in the family. Job seekers may find suitable work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid arguments on non-productive topics.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
=(6^(1/3)*2)/(3^(1/3)) =4/1 = 4

RIDDLER
1. Sae Gogh (Sago), 2. Impa Tai-Gogh (Impetigo), 3. Indy Gogh (Indigo), 4. Prof. E Gogh (Ego)

BULL'S EYE
altar, anal, aunt, aura, aural, lunar, natal, ultra
NATURAL, rant, tuna, ulna,

QUOTE UNCODE
If indeed you must be candid, be candid beautifully.

FAST FIVE

R	A	B	B	I
O	B	E	S	E
G	O	R	A	L
I	D	Y	L	S
R	O	S	E	S

STRIKE OUT

S	M	E	E		A	R	A	W	D	E	A	L		

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
X is 15; Y is 11. In the outer ring, going clockwise from 7, each number is double the previous number and subtracts 1. Hence x (coming before 29) must be 15. In the inner ring, each number doubles the previous number and adds 1. Hence y is 11 (double 5 plus 1).

SUDOKU

6	4	9	7	1	5	2	8	3
3	5	8	6	4	2	1	9	7
2	7	1	3	9	8	5	6	4
4	8	2	5	6	9	3	7	1
7	9	6	1	2	3	8	4	5
5	1	3	8	7	4	6	2	9
1	2	7	4	5	6	9	3	8
9	3	4	2	8	1	7	5	6
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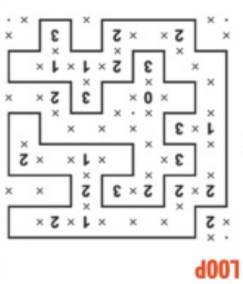
ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ar, Oar, Roar, Arrow, Farrow, Forward.

LOOP



GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 3 – 2 + 7 = 16
Medium
9 – 4 + 2 x 2 = 14
Hard
2 x 6 + 6 – 5 = 13

KAKURO

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 # Florence Pugh boards East of Eden
'Black Widow' star Florence Pugh will headline a new limited series adaptation of "East of Eden" set up at Netflix.

What's hot in Spain?

Bollywood star Deepika Padukone has been making waves across the globe.

After representing India at Cannes 2022, she has now reached Spain for the Cartier event.

Several pictures from the event have been doing the rounds on the internet in which the 'Piku' star is seen standing next to Hollywood star Rami Malek and Egyptian actor Yasmine Sabri.

Dressed in an ivory white gown, Deepika looks stunning. The gown has layers of frill on it. She tied her hair in a bun and wore a diamond necklace with a diamond. Speaking of her make-up, she opted for dewy touch.

Malek opted for a tuxedo, while Yasmine donned a red off-shoulder gown.

Deepika's pictures with Rami Malek and Yasmine have left fans excited.

"Oh My God! Our DP is slaying," a social media user commented."

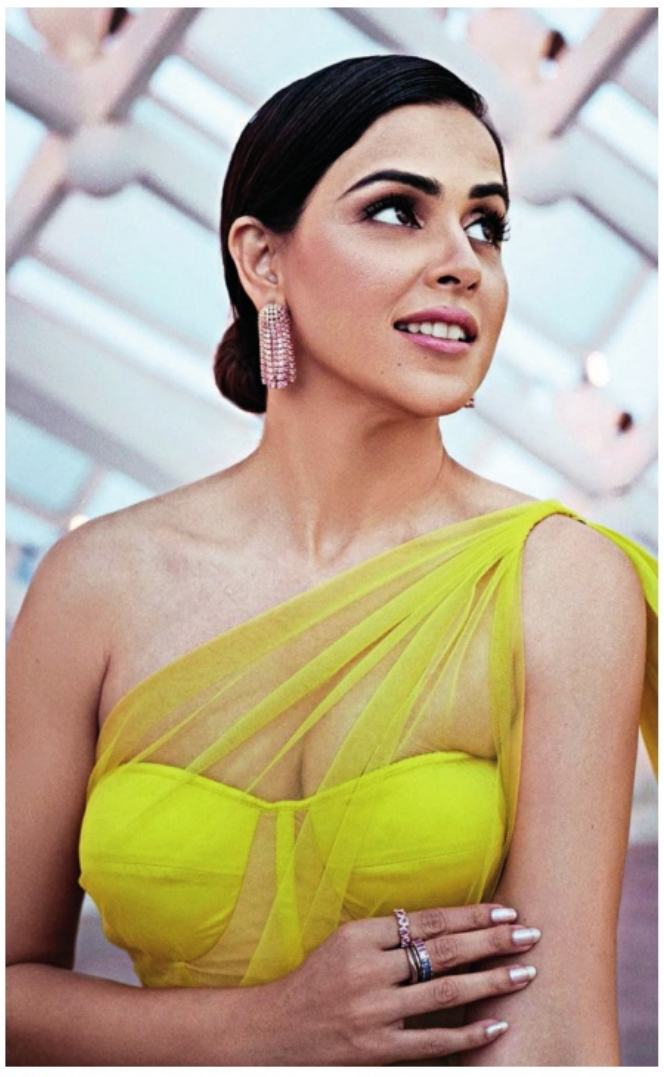
"Woaaaah. Deepika and Rami Malek together," another one wrote.

Meanwhile, on the film front, Deepika will be seen sharing screen space with Shah Rukh Khan in 'Pathaan', which is all set to release on January 25, 2023. 'Pathaan' marks Deepika's fourth collaboration after 'Om Shanti Om', 'Chennai Express' and 'Hapyy New Year'.She is also a part of 'Project K' -- featuring Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan, and 'The Intern' Hindi remake.

—ANI

Get fit, go!

Genelia is all set to start six-week fitness journey



Actress Genelia Deshmukh is going on a six-week-long fitness journey and said that these coming weeks are about taking hold of her routine and spending at least an hour on herself.

Talking about her plan of action, she says, "Getting healthier is all about knowing yourself and working on your problem areas. These six weeks are about taking hold of my routine and spending at least an hour on myself."

The actress, who is married to actor Riteish Deshmukh and is a mother of two young boys, added: "As a mother, I feel it's really important to give that time and attention to myself."

"I feel I want to be upfront with putting forward all the obstacles that I see on the journey and not just glamorising fitness or restricting it to a particular size or shape but rather doing it for oneself and through the process, rediscovering oneself - be it through strength, looks, perseverance or hard work."

She added: "I often tell my children to set their own benchmark, and build their own competition, hence it's high time that I start adhering to it, as well. Super excited and anxious to see how it goes about!"

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